



State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY  
WET #SC2004-0012**

June 22, 2004

Jean Downs  
234 Walton Road  
Seabrook, NH 03874

**RE: Wetlands Bureau Complaint File #2004-1142, Downs, 232-234 Walton Road,  
Seabrook Tax Map 14 / Lot 36.**

Dear Ms. Downs:

On June 14, 2004, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on the Town of Seabrook Tax Map 14 as Lot 36 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands Law.

It has been determined that filling of approximately 1,200 sq. ft. of freshwater wetlands took place on the property without a permit from the DES Wetlands Bureau.

DES requests that you take the following action:

1. Retain a qualified wetland consultant to generate a plan which depicts existing conditions showing the topography of the property, and quantifies by field survey the current extent of disturbance in jurisdictional wetlands, and a restoration plan, as described below.
2. Submit both the existing conditions plan, and a restoration plan no later than August 1, 2004 for review and approval including:
  - a. A plan with dimensions for the removal of the unpermitted fill in wetlands as quantified above and regrading the disturbed areas to original contours;
  - b. Planting plan (forested/scrub-shrub wetland species) for the stabilization of the removal areas;
  - c. Equipment and methods of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, etc.);
  - d. Construction sequence and timetable for accomplishing remediation no later than September 1, 2004.
3. Retain a qualified wetland consultant to supervise and execute the requests of this letter
4. Execute the restoration plan immediately upon receipt of the restoration plan approval from the DES Wetlands Bureau.

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RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging or filling in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit from the Wetlands Bureau. If work is done without a permit from the Wetlands Bureau, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

David Price, Compliance Investigator  
Wetlands Bureau  
Department of Environmental Services  
360 Corporate Drive  
Suite 2  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact David Price at (603) 433-6183 or by e-mail at [dprice@des.state.nh.us](mailto:dprice@des.state.nh.us).

Sincerely,



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